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CHANGES IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN

Unemployment in mid-September compared with mid-August, 1940.

(Source: The Statist, October 19, 1940.)

Between August 12 and September 16 no appreciable change occurred in the total number of wholly unemployed workers, slight decreases in the number of women and juvenile workers in this category being offset by a 5 per cent. rise in that of the men workers concerned. The total of 613,671 was over 40 per cent. below the corresponding September figure for 1939. Temporary unemployment, however, rose under all four heads, by 30 per cent. in the case of men and 10 per cent. in that of women, though the national total of 185,000 showed a reduction of nearly 20 per cent. from that of a year ago. Unemployment among persons normally in casual employment also remained virtually unchanged.

Numbers Unemployed on Registers at September 16, 1940.

Particulars	Persons normally in regular employment		Persons normally in casual employment	Total
	Wholly Unemployed	Temporarily Stopped		
Men ..	318,234	97,548	29,486	445,268
Boys ..	25,145	3,056	110	28,311
Women ..	227,293	78,995	1,561	307,849
Girls ..	42,999	5,401	18	48,418
Total:	613,671	185,000	31,175	829,846

The following table shows the difference between August 12, 1940, and September 16th, 1940, in the total numbers unemployed on the registers in the various administrative divisions :-

London ..	+ 7,193	North-Eastern ..	- 115
Eastern ..	+ 6,473	North-Western ..	- 3,047
Southern ..	+ 4,315	Northern ..	+ 12,043
South-Western ..	+ 3,846	Scotland ..	- 620
Midlands ..	- 5,080	Wales ..	+ 579
North Midlands ..	+ 4,807

Note:- There were 333,936 wholly unemployed males in Britain on October 14, the Ministry of Labour announces - a decrease of 9,443 from the previous month. The corresponding figure for females was 301,495 - an increase of 31,203.

The increase in the number of unemployed women, it is added, is largely accounted for by the registration of women who have been evacuated from their homes, and not all of whom may have been in employment previously.

Compared with the previous month, there were 25,805 fewer men and boys and 6,385 fewer women and girls unemployed in Great Britain in December. The December returns were as follow :-

Wholly Unemployed: 308,131 men and boys, and 295,110 women and girls.

Temporarily Unemployed: 96,577 men and boys, and 66,787 women and girls.